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TARIFF QUOTAS ON "WHITE GOODS" ANNOUNCED

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1. PRESS MARCH 12 REPORTS ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE OF IMPOSITION OF QUOTAS ON REFRIGERATORS, CLOTHES DRYERS AND WASHING MACHINES WITH EFFECT FROM MARCH 1. DETAILS OF MEASURE UNCLEAR IN PRESS REPORTING. TEXT OF OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT AND ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND NOT AVAILABLE MARCH 12
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BECAUSE OF LOCAL HOLIDAY AND CLOSURE ALL AUSTRALIAN GOVERN-

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MENT OFFICES.

2. QUOTAS FOR TWELVE MONTHS STARTING MARCH 1, WHICH WILL APPARENTLY BE ASSIGNED INDIVIDUAL IMPORTERS ON BASIS OF THEIR PERFORMANCE IN TWO YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 1974, ARE AS FOLLOWS:
(A) REFIGERATORS UP TO 454 LITERS CAPACITY - 20,000
(B) REFRIGERATORS ABOVE 454 LITERS CAPACITY - 2,500
(C) CLOTHES DRYERS - 70,000
(D) WASHING MACHINES -20,000.

3. ALTHOUGH PRESS REPORTING PARTICULARLY UNCLEAR ON THIS POINT, QUOTAS APPEAR TO BE TARRIF QUOTAS, WITH ADDITIONAL ABOVE QUOTA TARIFFS AS FOLLOWS:

(A) SMALLER REFRIGERATORS - 22.5 PCT.
(B) LARGER REFRIGERATORS -17.5 PCT.
(C) CLOTHES DRYERS - 20 PCT.
(D) WASHING MACHINES - 15 PCT.

4. NEW RATES WILL APPLY TO BOTH UNASSEMBLED AND ASSEMBLED PRODUCTS.

5. COMMENT: THERE HAVE BEEN SUBSTANTIAL IMPORTS OF THESE ITEMS FROM U.S. IN PAST EIGHTEEN MONTHS SINCE U.S. DOLLAR DEVALUED AND AUSTRALIANS ADOPTED EARLIER PROGRAM OF IMPORT STIMULATION. AMONG LEADING IMPORTERS HAVE BEEN U.S. MCNS WITH MANUFACTURING FACILITIES IN AUSTRALIA. THEY HAVE FOUND IT PROFITABLE IN THIS PERIOD, AS LEAST IN PART, TO SOURCE FROM PARENT COMPANIES IN U.S. RATHER THAN FROM HIGH COST LOCAL PLANTS. GOA ALSO FACES A SPECIAL PROBLEM, WHICH APPARENTLY WAS UNRESOLVED AT TIME OF ANNOUNCEMENT, IN APPLYING THESE MEASURES TO IMPORTS FROM NEW ZEALAND. NEW ZEALAND NOW SUPPLIES A HIGH PROPORTION OF AUSTRALIA'S IMPORTS OF THESE ITEMS UNDER THE NEW ZEALAND-AUSTRALIA FREE TRADE ARRANGEMENT.

6. EMBASSY WILL OBTAIN TEXT OF ANNOUNCEMENT MARCH 13 AND MAKE ADDITIONAL REPORT.
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